

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A furniture support system comprising a support post having a first locating formation comprising a channel that extends longitudinally along at least a part of the length of the support post having a pair of lips defining a mouth and a channel body located behind the mouth, the mouth being narrower than the channel body, and a support element having a second locating formation ~~including upper and lower ends~~ that is complementary to the channel and engageable therewith, the first and second locating formations being constructed and arranged for sliding movement in the longitudinal direction, such that the position of the support element relative to the support post is continuously adjustable, and locking means for fixing the position of the support element relative to the support post, wherein the second locating formation has upper and lower ends and the locking means is located towards the lower end of the second locating formation and the locking means is constructed and arranged for compressive engagement with the channel body on a face opposite the mouth thereby causing to cause, in use, the lower end of the second locating formation to frictionally engage the channel lips, and to increase the compressive load applied to the channel body when a load is applied to the support element be forced against the inner face of the lips.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) A furniture support system according to claim 1, wherein the first locating formation extends along substantially the entire length of the support post.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) A furniture support system according to claim 1, wherein the locking means comprises a screw element arranged to apply the compressive load to the channel body.

9. (Previously presented) A furniture support system according to claim 1, wherein the support post includes attachment means for connecting two posts end to end.

10. (Previously presented) A furniture support system according to claim 1, wherein the support post is substantially cylindrical.

11. (Previously presented) A furniture support system according to claim 1, wherein the support element comprises a bracket for supporting a workstation work top.

12. (Previously presented) A furniture support system according to claim 1, including a screen support member for supporting a partition screen.

13. (Original) A furniture support system according to claim 12, wherein the screen support member includes a third locating formation that is complementary to the first locating formation and engageable therewith, the first and third locating formations being constructed and arranged for sliding movement in the longitudinal direction, such that the position of the screen support member relative to the support post is continuously adjustable.

14. (Previously presented) A furniture support system according to claim 1, wherein the support post includes a plurality of angularly spaced first locating formations.

15. (Original) A furniture support system according to claim 14, wherein the support post includes between three and sixteen first locating formations.

16. (Original) A furniture support system according to claim 14, wherein the support post includes between eight and twelve first locating formations.

17. (Previously presented) A furniture support system according to claim 14, wherein the first locating formations extend substantially parallel to one another.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) A workstation including a work top and a plurality of legs for supporting the work top, wherein at least one of the legs comprises a furniture support system according to claim 1 and the position of the work top relative to the support post is adjustable.

20. (Previously presented) A set of workstations including a plurality of work tops and a plurality of legs for supporting the work tops, wherein at least one of the legs is arranged to support a plurality of the desk tops and comprises a furniture support system according to claim 14.